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Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Daron R. Haddock, Manager *DRH*

FROM: James D. Smith, Permit Supervisor *JS* 13 Sept 2010

RE: 2010 First Quarter Water Monitoring, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine,  
C/015/0009, Task ID #3488

The Trail Mountain Mine is currently idle. The monitoring plan is described in Appendix A of Volume 9 of the MRP.

## 1. Were data submitted for all of the MRP required sites?

**In-mine** YES ☒ NO ☐

The mine is sealed, so other than the Oliphant portal discharge (18-1-1 or T-18), which is monitored as a spring, there is no monitoring of underground or in-mine water.

**Springs** YES ☒ NO ☐

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, the Oliphant portal discharge (18-1-1 or T-18) is the only spring monitored.

**Streams** YES ☒ NO ☐

**UPDES** YES ☒ NO ☐

DMRs were submitted in electronic format (Adobe). There was no discharge from either UPDES point during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010. The mine was sealed in June 2001 and there has been no reported discharge at UPDES UT23728-002 (the mine-water discharge into Cottonwood Creek) since May 2001.

**Wells** YES ☒ NO ☐

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Since July 2004, the water level in TM-3 has been reported as head above the casing elevation, determined from pressure measured by a gauge on the sealed wellhead (see chart).

**2. Were all required parameters reported for each site?**

<b>Springs</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Streams</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>UPDES</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Wells</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**3. Were any irregularities found in the data?**

Listed parameters were outside two standard deviations. An asterisk (\*) indicates this is not a parameter required by the MRP.

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<b>Streams</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>UPDES</b>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Wells</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

TM-1B March: depth. The head in TM-1B has been slowly rising since early 2003. The cause is not evident. Although highly variable from quarter to quarter, it may be establishing a new equilibrium. See the chart below.

TM-1B March: field pH.

TM-3: water elevation peaked in June 2005, remained steady through October, dropped 18.5 ft in November and December 2005 and remained virtually unchanged during 2006. The pressure gauge was replaced in January 2007 and values jumped to approximately match the pre-2006 curve. During the first half of 2007, the curve was relatively flat, but it resumed climbing during the third quarter and has continued on an upward trend. See the chart below.

**4. On what date does the MRP require a five-year resampling of baseline water data.**

The next renewal submittal is due 10/21/09 for renewal on 02/21/10. Baseline analyses were performed in 2001 and 2006. Analyses for baseline parameters will be repeated every 5

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years, i.e., the next baseline analyses will be in 2011.

**5. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?**

There is no further action recommended at this time.

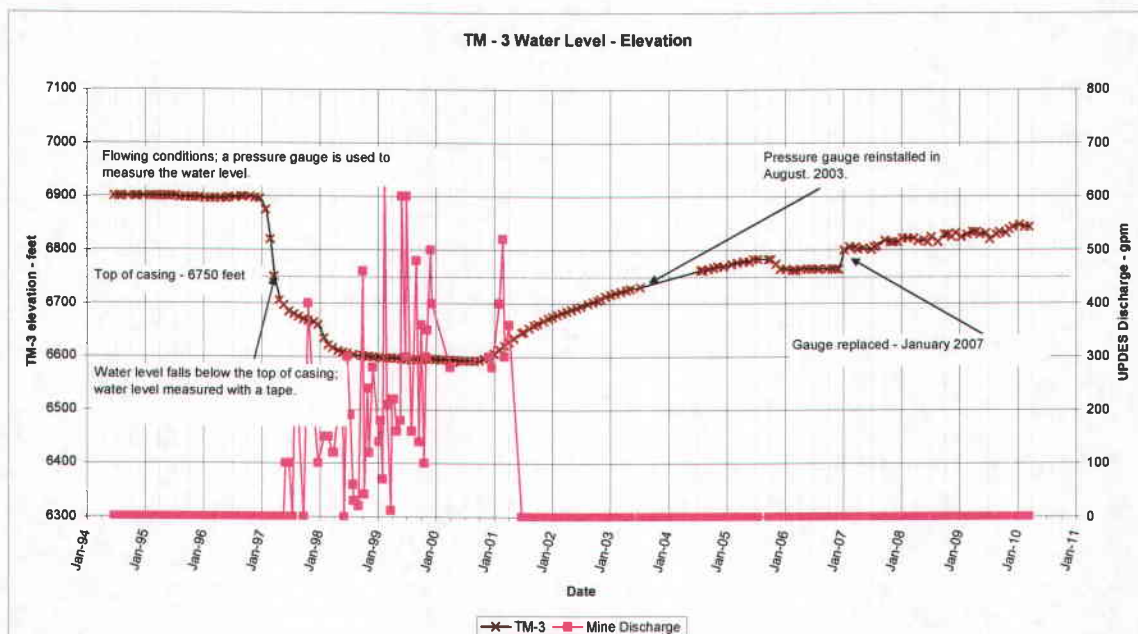
**6. Does the Mine Operator need to submit more information to fulfill this quarter's monitoring requirements?** YES ☐ NO ☒

**7. Follow-up from last quarter, if necessary.**

NA

**8. Did the Mine Operator respond adequately to queries about missing or irregular data?** YES ☐ NO ☐

There were no missing or irregular data in the First Quarter 2010.



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